Response to Office Action of: January 14, 2005

Response Dated: February 23, 2005

Title: DIRECTED LIFESTYLE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING STRUCTURES

App. No.: 10/664,526 Inventor: Robert J. Apel Group Art Unit: 3626

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Claims:

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application.

Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 7 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being

anticipated by Frankfurt (US 5,941,034). Applicant has amended claim 1 to more

clearly distinguish the differences between Frankfurt and the present invention. The

rejection is respectfully traversed.

Building codes do not allow crossing a property line with a building that will be

separately titled from a building built on the adjacent property lot. When large apartment

complexes are built there is one large lot involved in the title transfer. Frankfurt teaches

an apartment building in which a two-story apartment is over-laid on top of a first floor

apartment located adjacent a breezeway. One of the unique aspects of the present

invention is the fact that the housing unit is built upon two property lots. This allows the

lot and the home to be deeded to two individual owners. The land upon which an

apartment building is built is not deeded to the renter and no land transfer deed is

executed when a lease is signed.

The claim, as now written, clearly distinguishes between an apartment building

and the present invention and Applicant kindly requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

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Rejection of Claims 1-12 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being

anticipated by Jenn (US 4,685,260). As Applicant does not believe Jenn to teach the

subject matter of claims 1-12, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly distinguish the

present invention from the prior art. Similar to Frankfurt, Jenn teaches a multi-unit

housing unit. Current code does not permit the building of a structure across a property

lines (or even within so many feet of the property line). Jenn teaches an arrangement of

four dwelling units enclosing an open-air court. There is no building across property lots

and no division of common space across property lots disclosed in Jenn. Jenn does not

teach or suggest the present invention. Applicant requests that this rejection be

properly withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has distinguished the subject matter of the present invention over the

teachings of the references cited as prior art by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in

condition for allowance, and entry of the present amendment and allowance of the

application as amended is earnestly requested. Telephone inquiry to the undersigned

in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the present application is

respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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